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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

W The "dawn and dusk" language program, responding to results of stimulus by the new Language Development Program, started four out-of-hours classes this week and is scheduling about eleven to begin in the next few weeks in German, French, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Russian and Finnish. So far, all classes are designed to be taught by non-OTR qualified Agency employees, making unnecessary employment of additional staff or contract personnel. Other classes will be scheduled as soon as a minimum of six persons has enrolled.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. LAS has worked out an arrangement with the Army whereby LAS can provide requested assistance in developing a tape collection without burden or cost to LAS and with saving and benefits to both the Army and LAS. As originally proposed, this project of cooperation would have cost LAS in materials and services about \$500-600. As arranged, LAS comes out ahead with additional materials it had considered buying for about \$250.

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2. [REDACTED] of the Military Advisory Group spent a couple of hours with [REDACTED] as a result of their desire for consultation on a prospectus for an area-and-language program for several thousand (120 a month) MAG field and general grade officers.

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3. Deterioration in the intensive, internal, full-time Polish course is stimulated by abrupt withdrawal of one of the two students for whom, on a crash, unscheduled basis, this course was created and is being conducted in addition to a previously filled curriculum. It will be recalled that to meet the urgent requirement of EE we scrounged, on a full-time basis, a native speaker and diverted an hour a day of our Quarters Eye technician to work under the direction of [REDACTED]

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4. The JOT assigned to SE for whom we made special efforts to provide a limited knowledge of Serbo-Croatian has now been transferred, after about a month, to a position not requiring continuation of this training that has been provided first by [REDACTED] and then by [REDACTED]

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W 5. Investigation, consideration and several conferences on an unseasonable language training request originally paraphrased in terms of "give him \$1,000 to arrange tutorial training" has resulted in development of an internal semi-intensive course for four officers of the branch with the branch chief volunteering to serve part-time as a native speaker for drills. This is another of those cases where hesitance on our part to accept at face-value

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a "special case" (timeliness, urgency, security) has resulted in development of superior training at appreciably less cost. It further demonstrates the value of looking into these cases to a point where one is convinced that the original proposal is the best possible, or where we can offer a superior alternative.

6. Half-hour interviews following careful file studies, were conducted preparatory to considering nine candidates by QRP's.

7. The second running of the Americans Abroad for the Middle East was completed on 17 May. This School still is not being notified soon enough of the background level and destination of students. Training Officers just don't seem to take a registration date seriously, and without sufficient advance notice it is difficult to gear this kind of course to the practical needs of the enrollees. 25X1A9a

8. [REDACTED] of SIC presented an historical survey of European ideologies in the Free Europe course. This topic had been specifically requested by DDP, and was admirably handled by [REDACTED] against the background of six prior lectures on historical roots of contemporary problems. The subsequent phase of this course--on national strategic problems--opened with highly effective lectures on the U.K. by former university professors Albert Irving and Waldemar Campbell of State/OIR. 25X1A9a

9. Periodic Area Advisory Committee meeting featured a briefing by [REDACTED] on registration procedures and progress made in regularizing relations with IAC agencies concerning nomination of candidates for our area courses. 25X1A9a

10. Part of the basic intensive Russian class and Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are spending this week [REDACTED] where they are required to use the Russian language in all communication. The other students of the class will spend next week [REDACTED] with the same requirements. 25X1A9a  
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11. The Chinese (Mandarin) Proficiency Test was given on 16 May for three people. Mr. [REDACTED] of FDD served on the panel for the oral test. 25X1A9a

12. [REDACTED] worked on the revision of his lecture on the languages of the Indian sub-continent. This lecture is to be given on 23 May for [REDACTED] Americans Abroad course. 25X1A9a

# C. PERSONNEL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] became American citizens on 14 May 1957. 25X1A9a



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